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Dear parent/carer,

Families with children in Years 7 and 8 who receive Universal Credit are now being invited by the Council to apply for free school meals.

As part of the Welsh Government's expansion of free school meals for secondary school learners, all pupils in these year groups living in households claiming Universal Credit are eligible, regardless of income.

Applications are now open, and families can apply online at: [Free school meals - Cardiff Council](#)

Meals will become available no later than January 2027.

After an application has been received, it will be assessed and parents and carers will be contacted once eligibility has been confirmed.

Cardiff Council is working closely with schools and catering teams across the city to prepare for the rollout and preparations are underway to understand the expected demand. This will ensure the necessary staffing, catering capacity and kitchen facilities are in place so that schools are fully prepared to accommodate the additional demand and that eligible learners across Cardiff can benefit from the scheme efficiently.

Once planning work has been completed, a start date for the introduction of meals as soon as is practically possible will be announced. This will be no later than January 2027.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs M Bennett
Assistant Headteacher